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From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 9:54 PM
To: Alfonso, Angelica M
Subject: FW: update to RAIO staff on refugee processing

what are your thoughts on this?

From: Ruppel, Joanna
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 7:37:22 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L
Cc: Groom, Molly M
Subject: update to RAIO staff on refugee processing

Tracy and Lori,

I would like to send the message below to RAIO staff who have been asking their managers about the state of play of refugee processing. Given sensitivity with the litigation, I wanted to check with you and Molly (copied here) to see if there are any concerns with me sending out the message below. Thanks for your consideration. Of course, by the time you read this, we may have another court order Still, staff would really like some info. (b)(5)

Proposed message:

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From: Busch, Philip B
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 3:36 PM
To: Groom, Molly M; Renaud, Tracy L; Scialabba, Lori L
Subject: RE: Scialabba Memo

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From: Groom, Molly M
Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 4:34:58 PM
To: Renaud, Tracy L; Busch, Philip B; Scialabba, Lori L
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She said yes. Thanks

From: Renaud, Tracy L
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To: Busch, Philip B; Scialabba, Lori L
Cc: Groom, Molly M
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I have no objection, especially because it is already in the public forum as you note, Phil. Of course, it isn't my signature on the document so you may want to wait for Lori to respond. Molly is with her now and may get a verbal from her.

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Hi Molly and Phil,

One of our EO cases, and the one that affects USCIS most directly, makes allegations about the EO affecting adjudications within the U.S. Plaintiffs somehow had the hold emails from SCOPS and FOD, and cited to those in the (b)(5) complaint.

Thanks!

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Being in contempt of an injunction is not my goal. ;-)

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To: Renaud, Tracy L; Torres, Juan J; Alfonso, Angelica M; Groom, Molly M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B
Subject: RE: STATEMENT ON COUNTRIES CURRENTLY SUSPENDED FROM TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES

To clarify - and Juan has confirmed - the statement has not posted. I agree that we should hold, Tracy. Will wait for Molly and Phil to weigh in.

From: Renaud, Tracy L
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:01:30 PM
To: Torres, Juan J; Alfonso, Angelica M; Groom, Molly M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Hatchett, Dolline L; Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B
Subject: RE: STATEMENT ON COUNTRIES CURRENTLY SUSPENDED FROM TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES

I think us posting this, even internally, after the injunction is ill advised but defer to OCC. Molly and Phil copied.

Tracy L. Renaud
Acting Deputy Director
US Citizenship & Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security

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From: Torres, Juan J
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:56:29 PM
To: Alfonso, Angelica M; Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Hatchett, Dolline L; Scialabba, Lori L
Subject: RE: STATEMENT ON COUNTRIES CURRENTLY SUSPENDED FROM TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES

Apologies – doing some catch up here. I do have someone available to issue an internal message (just need a cleared message). Meanwhile, should I move forward with posting the below DHS press release to our [“Presidential Actions” Connect page](#)?

Juan

From: Alfonso, Angelica M
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:48 PM
To: Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Hatchett, Dolline L; Scialabba, Lori L
Cc: Torres, Juan J
Subject: RE: STATEMENT ON COUNTRIES CURRENTLY SUSPENDED FROM TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES

This would have only posted to internal connect page (vs .gov)

Angelica Alfonso-Royals
Chief, Office of Legislative Affairs
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

From: Renaud, Tracy L
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 2:45:11 AM
To: Groom, Molly M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Alfonso, Angelica M; Hatchett, Dolline L; Scialabba, Lori L
Cc: Torres, Juan J
Subject: RE: STATEMENT ON COUNTRIES CURRENTLY SUSPENDED FROM TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES

Added you for your awareness. The question was really for OCOM.

Tracy L. Renaud
Acting Deputy Director
US Citizenship & Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security

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From: Groom, Molly M
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:44:24 PM
To: Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Alfonso, Angelica M; Hatchett, Dolline L; Scialabba, Lori L
Cc: Torres, Juan J
Subject: RE: STATEMENT ON COUNTRIES CURRENTLY SUSPENDED FROM TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES

I never saw this.

From: Renaud, Tracy L
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 9:43:39 PM
To: Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Alfonso, Angelica M; Hatchett, Dolline L; Scialabba, Lori L; Groom, Molly M
Cc: Torres, Juan J
Subject: RE: STATEMENT ON COUNTRIES CURRENTLY SUSPENDED FROM TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES

I assume we held this given the injunction?

Tracy L. Renaud
Acting Deputy Director
US Citizenship & Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security

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From: Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff)
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 6:44:52 PM
To: Alfonso, Angelica M; Hatchett, Dolline L; Renaud, Tracy L; Scialabba, Lori L

Cc: Torres, Juan J
Subject: FW: STATEMENT ON COUNTRIES CURRENTLY SUSPENDED FROM TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES

FYSA.

Juan - please have this posted on the EO Connect page.

Thanks,

Jeff

Jeff Carter
Acting Deputy Chief, Office of Communications
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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From: DHS Press Office
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 5:40:00 PM
To: Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff)
Subject: STATEMENT ON COUNTRIES CURRENTLY SUSPENDED FROM TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES



Press Office
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Press Release

February 3, 2017
Contact: DHS Press Office, 202-282-8010

STATEMENT ON COUNTRIES CURRENTLY SUSPENDED FROM TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON - The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) would like to clarify the classes of aliens affected by the 90-day temporary pause on travel, with case-by-base exceptions and waivers, as outlined in the President's Executive Order entitled "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States."

To ensure that the U.S. government can conduct a thorough analysis of the national security risks faced by our immigration system, the Executive Order imposes a 90-day pause on the entry into the United States of nationals from Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Iran, Somalia, Libya, and Yemen. This pause does not apply to Lawful Permanent Residents, dual citizens with passports from a country other than the seven listed, or those traveling on diplomatic, NATO or UN visas. Special Immigrant Visa holders who are nationals of these seven countries may board U.S.-bound planes, and apply for and receive a national interest exception to the pause upon arrival.

Importantly, these seven countries are the only countries to which the pause on entry applies. No other countries face such treatment. Nor have any other countries been identified as warranting future inclusion at this time, contrary to false reports.

As directed by the Executive Order, DHS is working with the Department of State and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to conduct a country-by-country review of the information provided by countries in order for their nationals to apply for myriad visas, immigration benefits, or otherwise seek admission into the United States. This review is needed to ensure that individuals seeking to enter the U.S. are who they claim to be and do not pose a security or public-safety threat.

The results of this review will be provided to the President within 30 days of the Executive Order's signing. This review, conducted in consultation with our interagency partners, will determine which countries do not provide adequate information on their nationals seeking immigration benefits or admission into the United States. Principally, the goal is to ensure that those admitted to this country do not bear hostile attitudes toward the United States and its founding principles.

Based on that report, the State Department will ask any foreign governments who were determined to not be supplying adequate information on their nationals to begin providing such information within 60 days.

In order to protect Americans, and to advance the national interest, the United States must ensure that we have adequate information about individuals seeking to enter this country to ensure that they do not bear malicious intent toward the United States and its people.

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Gillispie, Anna E

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 12:47 PM
To: Ruppel, Joanna; Renaud, Tracy L
Cc: Walters, Jessica S; Farnam, Julie E; Young, Todd P; Nicholson, Maura J; Benedict, Deborah L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Chiorazzi, Anne; Groom, Molly M; Zengotitabengoa, Colleen R
Subject: RE: URGENT TIME SENSTIIVE: Proposed Language for CAM parolees

I'm checking on it.

From: Ruppel, Joanna
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 11:32:33 AM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L
Cc: Walters, Jessica S; Farnam, Julie E; Young, Todd P; Nicholson, Maura J; Benedict, Deborah L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Chiorazzi, Anne; Groom, Molly M; Zengotitabengoa, Colleen R
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Here is our proposed language, based on what we understand the current thinking to be. Is this your understanding of the decision and can we message this as noted below? We have people scheduled to travel on Monday. IOM has booked and the beneficiaries have paid for their travel. Please note that approximately 190 people have booked travel. Of those, only one individual would be traveling with a refugee family member. [note, our numbers are from IOM, so we may be off a bit, but this is close]

SUSPENSION OF TRAVEL FOR INDIVIDUALS GRANTED PAROLE UNDER THE CENTRAL AMERICAN MINORS REFUGEE/PAROLE PROGRAM (CAM)

On January 27, 2017, President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order, “Protecting the Nation From Terrorist Entry into the United States” that called for an immediate suspension of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) for 120 days. In light of this temporary suspension, USCIS will also be pausing travel to the United States for all individuals granted parole under the Central American Minors Refugee/Parole Program. USCIS will act as follows:

- During this suspension, an applicant whose parole request has been approved by USCIS will be permitted to travel with any refugee family member who is permitted to travel pursuant to an exemption.
- The travel for all other individuals who were granted parole by USCIS under this program will be suspended until the U.S. Refugee Admission Program resumes for this population.

Joanna Ruppel
Acting Associate Director
USCIS Refugee, Asylum and International Operations Directorate

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Gillispie, Anna E

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 8:31 AM
To: Higgins, Jennifer; Hamilton, Gene
Subject: FW: The Guardian: Trump lashes 'dumb deal' with Australia on refugees after fraught call with Turnbull

Any advice? We were planning to go out and do the interviews. It does not assure admission but thought I should check in light of this information.

Thanks

Lori

From: Strack, Barbara L
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 9:12:04 AM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L
Cc: Ruppel, Joanna; Stone, Mary M; Gulati, Sonia
Subject: FW: The Guardian: Trump lashes 'dumb deal' with Australia on refugees after fraught call with Turnbull

Lori and Tracy - we are working to reschedule the Nauru circuit ride for departure on Feb. 13 or 21.

Please advise if we should change gears.

From: Tintary, Ruth E
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 12:52:19 AM
To: Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M
Cc: Alfonso, Angelica M; Atkinson, Ronald A; Brown, Katherine H
Subject: The Guardian: Trump lashes 'dumb deal' with Australia on refugees after fraught call with Turnbull

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Katharine Murphy and Ben Doherty
Wednesday 1 February 2017 23.30 EST First published on Wednesday 1 February 2017 20.25 EST

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The report on the phone call says Turnbull insisted the new administration honour the agreement, and allow refugees to enter the country on the normal vetting arrangements, which prompted Trump to declare they would be subjected to “extreme vetting”.

The call, scheduled for an hour, was terminated after 25 minutes, the Post said. The source of the account is attributed as a “senior US official”.

Turnbull declined to comment on the report, saying the resettlement deal remained on track and it was best that conversations between leaders remained private.

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Gillispie, Anna E

From: Ruppel, Joanna
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 5:32 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L
Cc: Nicholson, Maura J
Subject: RE: Interim guidance for IO

We can also say they can process a request for boarding letter from LPR per existing guidance (our existing guidance directs them to contact HQ if there is significant derog). Would be consistent with press release Tracy just forwarded.

Joanna Ruppel
Chief, International Operations Division
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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From: Ruppel, Joanna
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 3:12:32 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L
Cc: Nicholson, Maura J
Subject: RE: Interim guidance for IO

Do you want us to send a simply message like FOD and SCOPS and Asylum did to their leadership to just hold all decisions for cases from affected countries and proceed otherwise?

Note we have no cases for boarding letters pending from the affected countries.

Joanna Ruppel
Acting Associate Director
USCIS Refugee, Asylum and International Operations

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From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 6:10 PM
To: Ruppel, Joanna; Renaud, Tracy L
Cc: Nicholson, Maura J
Subject: RE: Interim guidance for IO

I don't think you can send this as it is.

From: Ruppel, Joanna
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 6:01:45 PM
To: Renaud, Tracy L; Scialabba, Lori L
Cc: Nicholson, Maura J
Subject: FW: Interim guidance for IO

Tracy and Lori,

Just as FOD, SCOPs and Asylum have sent out guidance to staff to hold certain cases tomorrow, IO plans to send out the following tonight to address the questions we have been getting and ensure staff do not violate the E.O. Please let me know if you have any objections.

The guidance is only intended for cases this week, until we can issue cleared guidance.

Thanks,

Joanna

From: Nicholson, Maura J
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 5:48 PM
To: Ruppel, Joanna
Subject: Interim guidance for IO
Importance: High

Joanna – this is what I'd like to send to the Field Managers. I'll attach the EO when I send it for their reference.

International Managers,

We continue to work as rapidly as possible to get clarification on implementation of the Executive Order signed on January 27, 2017 (attached for reference), and are working on detailed guidance to help field staff address various scenarios you may be encountering overseas. In the meantime, please follow the below guidance for the next few days until more complete guidance is available:

1. Refugee-Related Processing

A. For all I-590 Refugee Cases (all nationalities), all I-730 Refugee Follow-to-Join cases (all nationalities), and I-730 Asylee Follow-to-Join cases where the beneficiary is a national of Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen:

1. *Interview already scheduled this week, sufficient time to cancel*

- Cancel interview, even if Lautenberg or other religious minority case. We will offer further guidance on these types of cases as soon as it is available.
- If I-730 cases, pause CAMINO Clock effective 1/27/2017; enter note "Per Executive Order".

2. *Interview already scheduled, insufficient time to cancel*

- Collect fingerprints, review bio-data on case for accuracy and completeness, and notify applicant that he/she will be contacted with additional information in the future when we are able to proceed in the processing of his or her case.
- For I-730 cases, pause CAMINO Clock effective 1/27/2017; enter note "Per Executive Order".

3. *Interview not yet scheduled*

- Do not schedule any cases until further notice.
- For I-730 cases, pause CAMINO Clock effective 1/27/2017; enter note "Per Executive Order".

4-6 below relate to I-730 Refugee Follow-to-Joins (all nationalities) and I-730 Asylee Follow-to-Joins of the 7 nationalities (Only)

4. *Already interviewed, pending decision or travel packet issuance*

- No final decisions or travel packets should be issued. Pause CAMINO Clock effective 1/27/2017; enter note "Per Executive Order".

5. *If new cases received*

- Immediately pause the Clock upon case entry, noting 1/27/2017 E.O.

Note: I-730 Asylee Follow-to-Join cases of all other nationalities can continue processing to completion, as usual.

B. I-590 Adjudications, I-590 Supervisory Review and I-602 Adjudications

- Staff should stop making decisions or completing supervisory review until further notice.

C. RFR Adjudications

- You may continue to process RFR adjudications to completion if they are denials. All others should be held until further notice and the Clock in CAMINO paused as of 1/27/2017.

2. All Other Benefit Types where the Applicant/Beneficiary is a national or dual national of Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, or Yemen

You may continue processing other case types but do not issue any final decisions until further notice, including I-131A boarding letters. If you receive an I-131A boarding letter request from a national or dual national of one of the 7 countries listed above, please contact me and Jen Kliska for guidance. I-407 abandonments can continue to be processed.

3. Handling of Inquiries

If you receive inquiries from foreign governments about any DHS equities related to the Executive Orders, please direct those inquiries to Matt King, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy at [REDACTED] Please do not provide his contact information to parties external to USCIS.

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The above guidance is only a stop-gap to assist in addressing the most urgent needs for the next few days or even this week when more detailed cleared guidance can be issued. Also, for awareness, OCOMM is also working on talking points and FAQs related to the Executive Order, which should be issued via USCIS Broadcast soon.

If districts can continue to collect and consolidate questions from the field, that would be helpful. I appreciate the difficulty of being on the front line and getting inquiries from the public and others for which we don't yet have complete answers. Many people throughout the Agency and Department are working hard to sort out impact of the E.O. on the Agency. I appreciate your patience during this effort!

More to follow soon. Thank you for your continued support and dedication as we navigate the current policy changes!

Maura

Maura J. Nicholson

Deputy Chief, International Operations Division
USCIS/Refugee, Asylum & International Operations

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Gillispie, Anna E

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Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 3:00 PM
To: Cowan, Robert M; Looney, Robert V; Muzyka, Carolyn L; Pietropaoli, Lori A; Redman, Kathy A; Gallagher, Kevin E; Goodwin, Shelley M; Robinson, Terri A; Tierney, Therese A; Woo, Ellen Y; FOD-DDs-DDDs-COS; FOD-FODs
Cc: Dominguez, Kathleen P; Upchurch, Evelyn M; Kendrick, Rose M; Quimby, Christopher M (Chris); Rinehart, Brett R; Sapko, Jeffrey M; Spencer, Julie C; Young, Claudia F; Valverde, Michael; Neufeld, Donald W; Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E; Slattery, Shannon E; Renaud, Tracy L; Davidson, Andrew J; Scialabba, Lori L
Subject: RE: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Field Operations Instructions

Field Offices may continue to adjudicate N-400 and N-600 applications and administer the oath of citizenship for approved candidates who remain eligible. This message lifts the hold on citizenship applications and petitions.

Daniel M. Renaud
Associate Director | Field Operations Directorate
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security

From: Renaud, Daniel M
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:12:16 AM
To: Cowan, Robert M; Looney, Robert V; Muzyka, Carolyn L; Pietropaoli, Lori A; Redman, Kathy A; Gallagher, Kevin E; Goodwin, Shelley M; Robinson, Terri A; Tierney, Therese A; Woo, Ellen Y; FOD-DDs-DDDs-COS; FOD-FODs
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On January 27, 2017, the President signed an Executive Order that, in part, relates to the suspension of processing of certain immigration benefits. Section 3(c) of the Executive Order invokes sections 212(f) and 217(a)(12) of the INA to temporarily suspend the entry immigrants and nonimmigrants who are from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and Libya for 90 days from the date of the Executive Order.

Effectively immediately and until additional guidance is received, you may not take final action on any petition or application where the applicant is a citizen or national of Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and Libya. Field offices may interview applicants for adjustment of status and other benefits according to current processing guidance and may process petitions and applications for individuals from these countries up to the point where a decision would be made. At that point, cases shall be placed on hold until further notice and will be shelved with specific NFTS codes which will be provided through the Regional Offices. Offices are not permitted make any final decision on affected cases to include approval, denial, withdrawal, or revocation.

Please look for additional guidance later this weekend on how to process naturalization applicants from one of the seven countries listed above who are currently scheduled for oath ceremony or whose N-400s have been

approved and they are pending scheduling of oath ceremony.

We expect to issue more detailed guidance and procedures as needed in the coming days. Questions or requests for additional clarification may be directed to the Regional Offices through your chain of command.

Daniel M. Renaud
Associate Director | Field Operations Directorate
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Gillispie, Anna E

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Cc: Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Hatchett, Dolline L; Atkinson, Ronald A; Rogers, Debra A; Martin, Heather A; Herrmann, Mary K
Subject: RE: Quick read out: 10 am call

Thanks Mariela. We may have our own capacity issues but we won't know for sure until we see what our volume is tomorrow. We can extend the offer to CBP with the caveat that we may also be overwhelmed when our lines open tomorrow.

Tracy L. Renaud
Acting Deputy Director
US Citizenship & Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security

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From: Melero, Mariela
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 1:38:27 PM
To: Alfonso, Angelica M; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L
Cc: Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Hatchett, Dolline L; Atkinson, Ronald A; Rogers, Debra A; Martin, Heather A; Herrmann, Mary K
Subject: RE: Quick read out: 10 am call

Ladies,
I suspect that CBP's Call Center will be overwhelmed this week. We are happy to support as appropriate.

Mariela

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Thank you, adding Heather. I've asked her to track all of the reporting on the external side (OLA/CSPE/OCOMM)

We don't have a good format yet so just send info in a format that makes sense and is easy to understand. THANK YOU!!

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Mariela

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Thanks, MAriela. Call centers are on my list...what has been the guidance over the weekend?

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Wonderful, thanks!

Alan and I just participated in the leg affairs call. His excellent notes below:

- 1). Press Release distributed to Hill and Press. Need to advance as broadly as possible as quickly as possible.
- 2). NJIC activated yesterday, expected to be operational for 5-7 days. Staffed 24/7 with all components staffing. NJIC working closely with WH Comms, WH Policy, and WH Leg. CBP provided numbers regarding detentions. Stay is being reviewed to see how it affects the EO's.
- 3). Fact sheets being developed and hopefully will be distributed today (1/29). Fact Sheets will address which countries are affected and why (7 countries), LPRs, and provide greater context to decisions and implementation.
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- 5). DHS OLA collecting information on contacts from the Hill. Roll-ups due to DHS at 3:00 p.m. And 3:00 a.m. each day. DHS OLA will send out a template to collect critical information. Tier 1 calls should be flagged for OLA and NJIC to alert S1 staff and consider direct calls to Members. Case inquiries should be included in the roll-up, but also sent to the responsible agencies.
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Good point.

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I'd remove a reference to the previous message to avoid getting caught up in a loop where DHS wants to see that as well, not that there's anything wrong with the first message.

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DHS USCIS
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How about this:

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We're a go on natz interviews and ceremonies but they want to see the message. Keep is short and simple.

thanks Dan

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Cc: Valverde, Michael; Kvortek, Lisette E; Farnam, Julie E; Neufeld, Donald W
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I am going to send out a message today instructing offices to proceed with scheduled naturalization ceremonies until further notice. I think they need clarity on how to handle early-week ceremonies.

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It can wait until Monday.

Thanks Dan,
Lori

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We should have the information you want on the 13,000. The N-form data might take until Monday. If you need it today, I can ask someone to go in today and start the data pull.

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You should get the C4 data too and I know they are going to ask for a break down of the 13,000.

LEt's keep OCOM and OLA in the loop. DHS is doing press while we are still trying to figure this out. So the more our folks know the better.

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NER ran a scrape of C3 data. Field Ops has 13,376 pending case filed by or on behalf of an individual from one of the 7 countries. That number, of course is limited to cases that can be identified through systems data, and does not account for cases with missing data in the system or dual citizens where the third country was listed. Its close enough, though to get an idea of the number of impacted cases.

Since it appears the EO does not apply to the citizenship line of business, we will hold off on a run of C4.

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Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Thanks for clarifying. I was trying to figure out what I had missed. I hope these are persuasive.

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Thanks Molly. I should have been a little clearer on the intent of this. Its just to get the conversation started with DHS. This is for policy discussion, It's not for public consumption. I think much of what you're suggestion is perfect for public statements. I put the explanations in so DHS knows why we are taking the position we are for each question.

2. I think if we use the word visa we're going to not be allowed to continue to adjudicate them. We don't do visas. Do we?
3. I'd really like to get the go ahead to continue doing as much as possible in the refugee arena. I like your statement for public consumption.
4. I like this for a statement for OCOM to use.
5. I'm assuming we can adjudicate asylum requests but we should get clarification.

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I don't think we should try to explain the intent of the EO in trying to explain the answer to 1. I'd prefer it to say: No, the EO does not prevent the adjudication of domestic 485 adjudications. But I don't think we have

clarity if it does or does not. 212(f) speaks to suspension on entry but I understand the language in the order is broader so I am not clear what the DHS or USG position will be.

2. USCIS will continue to adjudicate any visa or other application, request or benefit not impacted by the Executive Order.

-- we do adjudicate Ts and Us and extensions of status so want to walk a line and with uncertainty about reach of order think something along these lines may be better.

3-Should we just be a little more vague and say. For example if we have few religious minorities on circuit ride with other things.

DHS along with DOS continues to review the Executive Order and planned refugee circuit rides and will conduct interviews as appropriate and consistent with the Executive Order.

4-DHS and DOS will coordinate on processing individual refugee cases that may be appropriate for travel consistent with the Executive Order.

5- I'm wondering about whether the exception can be used for following to join asylees? Need to double check.

6-- OGC had advised yesterday that CBP was to follow the VWP dual national guidance. But we should confirm or ask that they provide the answer.

From: Scialabba, Lori L

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:07:19 PM

To: Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Valverde, Michael; Neufeld, Donald W; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Renaud, Daniel M; Ruppel, Joanna; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W

Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M

Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Here we go. I've added Todd and Jessica for clean up once I have reactions because these answers could go any number of ways. I'm just getting a sense of our answer here. It's not pretty or diplomatic.

1. THe EO's are to protect the NS and safety of the U.S. From persons entering our country from the designated countries and does not apply to people in the U.S. Applying for adjustment of status. (OCC check me on this.). I know the EO uses language like all immigration benefits but the details address visa issuance to NIVs and IVs. Maybe the intent is to include adjustment but as long as this answer isn't completely ridiculous I'd like to start here.

2. USCIS will continue to adjudicate various petitions and applications. Visas are not issued by USCIS

3. Yes, in light of the language in the EO we will continue these refugee interviews.

4. THis will be done on a case by case basis. (We will need some standards for this)

5. This will be done on a case by case basis. (Ditto on standards and procedures)

6. Yes.

Let's hear what everyone has to say.

Lori

From: Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff)

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 9:06:15 PM

To: Valverde, Michael; Neufeld, Donald W; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Ruppel, Joanna; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W

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All:

We have been asked by DHS to draft and clear within USCIS responses to the questions we sent up earlier.

Also, FYI, attached is what CBP submitted back to DHS OPA. We will be adding to that document so the questions should similarly be framed as media inquiries and I have taken a stab at that below.

DHS has asked for our responses as soon as possible tonight. Please send to me and I will forward them along.

Thanks,

Jeff

Jeff Carter

Acting Deputy Chief, Office of Communications

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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1. Does the Executive Order apply to I-485 applications to adjust to LPR status here in the U.S.?
2. Does this impact USCIS ability to adjust visas of those eligible to adjust in the U.S., such as a family based petition or an employment based petition?
3. Can USCIS continue refugee interviews of religious minorities and for countries with which we have an agreement?
4. Will the U.S. accept emergency requests to process a refugee who will then travel?
5. Can the exception for refugee admission be used in I-730 cases?
6. Does "from one of the seven countries" mean citizen, national or born in?
7. Does the Executive Order apply to those currently being adjudicated for naturalization?
USCIS will continue to adjudicate N-400 applications for naturalization and administer the oath of citizenship for approved candidates who remain eligible.

From: Valverde, Michael

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 5:38 PM

To: Neufeld, Donald W; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter,

Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W

Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M

Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

We are doing the same. Our folks should talk, probably. Shelley Goodwin is our point. Who is yours?

From: Neufeld, Donald W

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 5:33:11 PM

To: Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff);

Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W

Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M

Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Many more than I would have expected. We have folks running reports to see what we have pending in C3 and ELIS for applicants, beneficiaries and requesters from the 7 countries. We should have that Monday afternoon.

From: Busch, Philip B

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 4:33:44 PM

To: Renaud, Tracy L; Neufeld, Donald W; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff);

Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W

Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M

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Regarding COS and EOS, it occurred to me to wonder to what extent there actually are nonimmigrants from those countries. Numbers aren't huge, but they are there. For FY 2015 per DHS yearbook, total nonimmigrant admissions for nationals of these countries were:

Iraq, 21,381

Iran, 35,266

Libya, 3,879

Yemen, 5,549

Sudan, 4,792

Syria, 16,018

Somalia, 359

Numbers for the two preceding years were similar. There are also tables further breaking it down by category but I didn't dig into it that deeply.

Phil

From: Renaud, Tracy L

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 4:12:21 PM

To: Neufeld, Donald W; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff);

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Thanks Don. We will add it.

Tracy L. Renaud

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 3:58 PM
To: Renaud, Tracy L; Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; McCament, James W
Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M
Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Tracy,

I saw the forwarded questions. I would like to add the EOS/COS issue as a corollary to the I-485 question.

From: Renaud, Tracy L
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 3:33:46 PM
To: Groom, Molly M; Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W
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All-

The 2:45 call did not address any of our outstanding issues. The call centered on a group of travel ready refugees and a discussion on whether to recommend applying a waiver allowing them to travel and be admitted. However, there is a WH principals' call at 4:00 that Lori will be on and we were encouraged to send our questions forward in advance of that call so DHS can either get us answers based on their knowledge or address the questions during the 4:00 call. Lori will be forwarding those questions. Stay tuned, we may have some guidance on at least some of our issues later today.

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Department of Homeland Security

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From: Groom, Molly M
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:03 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W
Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M
Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Oh we were not clear on whether it applied to adjustment but were looking for clarity. Maybe there is still time to get another answer?

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:59:11 PM
To: Busch, Philip B; Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W

Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M
Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I can see reading it that way but we've already been told it applies to adjustment applications.

From: Busch, Philip B
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:56:25 PM
To: Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W
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Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

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Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:49:28 PM
To: Renaud, Tracy L; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W
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Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I'd like to keep it in the document going to OPA that we may proceed with both making final decisions on pending N-400 petitions and administering the oath to eligible applicants from the 7 whose N-400s have been approved.

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Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:35:15 PM
To: Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Ruppel, Joanna; Renaud, Daniel M; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W
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Jeff,

I posed this question to DHS HQ just this morning because we had a 1:00 ceremony at the WAS field office with five individuals from the seven countries. I got a response back from DHS just before 1:00 indicating that we were good to go ahead with naturalizing those individuals. So, the answer is no, it does not apply to candidates for naturalization.

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Acting Deputy Director
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Department of Homeland Security

From: Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff)

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:26:12 PM

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Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W

Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M; Alfonso, Angelica M

Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

+ Angie

OPA just called – they would like anything we can provide within the hour so they can hold a call with CBP and others who are getting bombarded with media inquiries and prepare S1 to return Hill calls.

One question I could see for us, even though it is somewhat answered in the first question below: Does the Executive Order apply to those currently being adjudicated for naturalization?

Jeff

Jeff Carter

Acting Deputy Chief, Office of Communications

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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From: Renaud, Tracy L

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:13 PM

To: Ruppel, Joanna; Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J; Walters, Jessica S; Groom, Molly M; Busch, Philip B; Neufeld, Donald W; McCament, James W

Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M

Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I am adding Jess, Molly and Phil back in again and also adding SCOPS. Jess is working to gather the questions you have all sent so far and compile them on one document. Once she has those together Lori and I will look at them to see which are internal questions and which might warrant public facing Q&A. So if you have sent your questions to Jess we should be all set.

Tracy L. Renaud

Acting Deputy Director

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From: Ruppel, Joanna

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:09 PM

To: Renaud, Daniel M; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Nicholson, Maura J

Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L; Strack, Barbara L; Stone, Mary M

Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

These seem to be issue that need to be addressed at the Department level.

They are also asking for other questions we think should be included, so we may want to put together a list of questions, even if we don't have answers yet.

Joanna Ruppel
Chief, International Operations Division
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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From: Renaud, Daniel M
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 9:58:01 AM
To: Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Ruppel, Joanna; Nicholson, Maura J
Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L
Subject: RE: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

I simply do not have answers to these questions, so my input would be of no value.

From: Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff)
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:54:54 PM
To: Renaud, Daniel M; Valverde, Michael; Farnam, Julie E; Ruppel, Joanna; Nicholson, Maura J
Cc: Hatchett, Dolline L; Cosgrove, Daniel J; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L
Subject: FW: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

All:

DHS OPA has request a quick (ASAP) agency clearance on the below.

Thanks,

Jeff

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From: Christensen, Gillian
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 12:48 PM
To: FRIEL, MICHAEL J; Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff); CBP Media Relations; USCIS.Media
Cc: Burke, Jenny; Howard, Tammy; Corbin, Susan; Clark, Alaina; Burriesci, Kelli; Johnson, Liz
Subject: Clearance for Extreme Vetting Q&A

Folks –

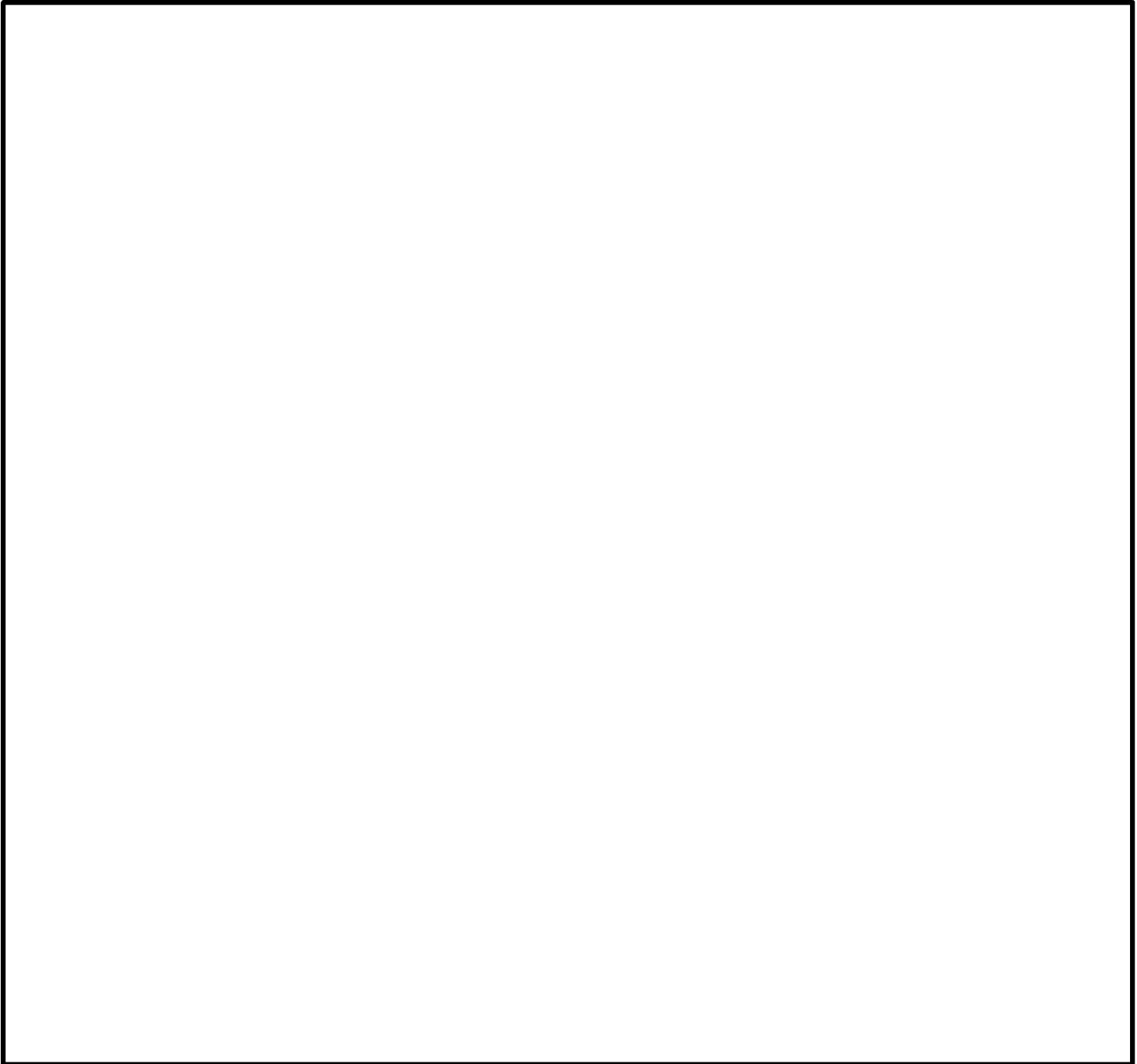
Getting everyone here on the same page. Here are the Q&A I've drafted. Please get with your operational folks ASAP to clear/edit responses or to add in other relevant Q&A so we can send through DHS FO clearance and get this stuff expedited for use.

Many, many thanks for the quick turn!

Gillian

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Q&A for Extreme Vetting



Gillian M. Christensen
Press Secretary (Acting)
Department of Homeland Security

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Gillispie, Anna E

From: Renaud, Daniel M
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:55 PM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L
Cc: Carter, Jeffrey T (Jeff)
Subject: FW: Time to talk

NYC has deflected press inquiries relating to the individuals detained at JFK. Just to keep you in the loop.

From: Coven, Phyllis A
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:44:46 PM
To: Houghton, Timothy J; Burden, Shyconia; Tichacek, Katherine (Katie); Albers, William E (Ted)
Cc: Renaud, Daniel M; Pietropaoli, Lori A
Subject: RE: Time to talk

I just spoke to Shy. She is going to write up her excellent summary of events. She has referred everyone to HQ OPA - which appears to be CBPS instruction as well. Let's see how things evolve. We may in the future need to have someone on call for these matters and to provide any assistance CBP may need.

All the best. Call if you need me. Best P

From: Houghton, Timothy J
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 7:30:15 PM
To: Coven, Phyllis A; Burden, Shyconia; Tichacek, Katherine (Katie); Albers, William E (Ted)
Subject: RE: Time to talk

From: Coven, Phyllis A
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:29:18 PM
To: Burden, Shyconia; Tichacek, Katherine (Katie); Houghton, Timothy J; Albers, William E (Ted)
Subject: RE: Time to talk

Just landed in Newark. Will call

From: Burden, Shyconia
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 7:07:30 PM
To: Coven, Phyllis A; Tichacek, Katherine (Katie); Houghton, Timothy J; Albers, William E (Ted)
Subject: FW: Time to talk

Hi Phyllis,

I just received a call from Kavita on my cell phone asking for a comment regarding people currently detained at JFK. She indicated that the Mayor is en route. I told her that USCIS does not have jurisdiction regarding people detained at the airport. She was fine with my response. I referred her to DHS HQ OPA.

Just an FYI

Shy

From: Pawria-Sanchez, Kavita
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:00:21 PM
To: Burden, Shyconia; Coven, Phyllis A
Cc: Mostofi, Bitta
Subject: Time to talk

Phyllis and Shy,

I am JFK airport with the Commissioner -- if you can give me a call, would be grateful: (b) (6)

Thank you.

Gillispie, Anna E

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:37 PM
To: Renaud, Tracy L; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Davidson, Andrew J; Meckley, Tammy M; Ruppel, Joanna; Walters, Jessica S
Cc: McCament, James W
Subject: RE: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

Yes, we have paused all adjudications involving the 7 countries of origin without exception. We will continue to issue receipt notices for everything.

From: Renaud, Tracy L
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:19:54 PM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Davidson, Andrew J; Meckley, Tammy M; Ruppel, Joanna; Walters, Jessica S
Cc: McCament, James W
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I'm not saying that you shouldn't put them on a temp hold like you are other categories of adjudication, I'm saying we shouldn't jump to suppressing notices or changing language. If you've given the order to pause adjudication leave it as is until we get some clarity.

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From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:11:45 PM
To: Renaud, Tracy L; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Davidson, Andrew J; Meckley, Tammy M; Ruppel, Joanna; Walters, Jessica S
Cc: McCament, James W
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Ok. I just don't get the difference between that and I-90s. But clarity is better than understanding at this point.

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To: Neufeld, Donald W; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Davidson, Andrew J; Meckley, Tammy M; Ruppel, Joanna; Walters, Jessica S

Cc: McCament, James W

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No, not yet. Giving them the document that extends their status (to include travel) doesn't necessarily mean they will travel so we shouldn't withhold that document from people who need it as proof of status. If we confirm that travel while a Conditional Resident might pose a problem we can tweak the notice language in similar fashion to what we do for those who get advance parole and might be subject to the 3/10-year bar when they attempt reentry. And clearly we will be doing as much communication as possible once we understand the facts.

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Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:02:26 PM

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Cc: McCament, James W

Subject: RE: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

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To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L; Renaud, Daniel M; Davidson, Andrew J; Meckley, Tammy M; Ruppel, Joanna

Cc: McCament, James W

Subject: RE: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

So now the question comes do we stop issuing I-751 receipt notices since they provide interim extension of evidence of LPR status that can be used for employment and travel. I have said no unless I hear otherwise.

From: Neufeld, Donald W

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:37:07 AM

To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L; Renaud, Daniel M; Davidson, Andrew J; Meckley, Tammy M; Ruppel, Joanna

Cc: McCament, James W

Subject: FW: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

I just sent this to the centers.

From: Neufeld, Donald W

Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:35 AM

To: Baran, Kathy A; Campagnolo, Donna P; Crandall, Kristine R; Hazuda, Mark J; McCament, James W; Nolan, Connie L; Richardson, Gregory A; Selby, Cara M (Carrie); Thompson, Kirt; Velarde, Barbara Q; Zuchowski, Laura B; Tamanaha, Emisa T

Cc: Arroyo, Susan K; Bacote, Robert R (Bob); Byrne, Marie L (Louise); Cox, Sophia; Dougherty, Linda M; Douglas, Richard C; Doumani, Stephanie M; Fortes, Michael J; Hartmann, Rosemary M; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Kane, Daniel J; King, Alexander R; La Bella, Magteld H; McCament, James W; McConnell, James E; Moran, Karla; Neufeld, Donald W; Padilla, April Y; Peck, Denis R; Sabga, George M; Thomas, Ronnie D; Watson, Dorcas B (Benita)

Subject: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

Center Directors and Deputies,

On January 27, 2017, the President signed an Executive Order that, in part, relates to the suspension of processing of certain immigration benefits. Section 3(c) of the Executive Order invokes sections 212(f) and 217(a)(12) of the INA to temporarily suspend the entry immigrants and nonimmigrants who are from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and Libya for 90 days from the date of the Executive Order.

While we await further guidance, we must temporarily suspend adjudication of all applications, petitions or requests involving citizens or nationals of the listed countries. At this point there are no exceptions for any form types, to include I-90s or I-765s. Please physically segregate any files that are impacted by this temporary hold pending further guidance. As you would expect, we will be developing a weekly report format for you to identify the number and types of cases on hold.

We expect to issue more detailed guidance and procedures in the coming days.

Please ensure this guidance is conveyed as soon as possible to all appropriate employees and get back to us with any questions. Also, please reply to let me know each center has received this message.

Thanks,

Don

Gillispie, Anna E

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Cc: McCament, James W
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I forwarded this to Jess to add to the list of questions.

Tracy L. Renaud
Acting Deputy Director
US Citizenship & Immigration Services
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Subject: RE: (No Subject)

My folks will be working over the weekend to run reports to identify cases impacted at the centers. We should have counts by form type by Monday afternoon.

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Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 10:24 AM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L
Subject: RE: (No Subject)

I'd say until further instruction. Which I hope will be Monday.

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:23:12 AM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L
Subject: RE: (No Subject)

Ok. I'll just delete the highlighted section. Full stop on everything for these nationals/citizens at least until Monday.

From: Scialabba, Lori L
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Neufeld, Donald W; Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L
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I'd really rather hold everything until we get some direction. I never thought this would apply to LPRs so who knows what is intended? I think we can get clarification by Monday.

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Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:15:16 AM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Daniel M; Renaud, Tracy L
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Here's my recommended message for the centers. I'm looking to either Tracy or Lori to weigh in on the highlighted sentence. On reflection, I'd really like to keep at least I-90s and I-765s in motion given the high volume and potential impact of delays. However, I'm comfortable with striking anything or even the whole sentence.

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Gillispie, Anna E

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Probably easiest. I can't believe it but they are applying this to LPRs so approving an I90 might be an issue too.

For some reason OGC and OPLA think a LPR is an immigrant.

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To: Neufeld, Donald W; Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L
Cc: Davidson, Andrew J
Subject: RE: EO

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I pressed send to soon. I had intended to add I-90s, N-565s and I-102s to the list. The thinking here is that I will have folks run a scrape of everything pending in C3 and ELIS involving nationals/citizens of these countries and see what additional guidance may be needed based on what we actually have pending. We may be able to do something in the system to hold up processing like placing a supervisory hold or something similar.

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Adding Andrew...

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I would suggest [redacted]

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"While we await further guidance, we are temporarily suspending approval of applications, petitions or requests involving citizens or nationals of Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan and Libya. Exceptions to this temporary suspension would be I-765 applications for employment authorization, I-751 petitions to remove conditions, I-130 and I-140 visa petitions, and I-129 nonimmigrant petitions where the beneficiary is not seeking an extension or change of status."

I prefer listing which cases can proceed rather than what should be held as we handle so many I fear missing something. I'd rather add more exceptions to the hold as they are identified than risk letting something through up front. We will also impose a weekly reporting requirement to identify the numbers and case types on hold and a process to identify any cases or case types that should be considered for exception.

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Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 7:11 AM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L
Cc: Neufeld, Donald W
Subject:

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Here's the message:

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Subject: RE: (No Subject)

Got it. Thanks.

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O.K. This is fine except please hold all decisions. When I was in INS general counsel we moved ahead with suspension denials and held approvals when there were no longer numbers available and we got sued and lost in the 9th circuit. A strange outcome that I do not agree with but I'd prefer not to have us involved in litigation if we can help it. Ha, ha, ha, I just realized that was a ridiculous statement, we're going to get sued but I'd still prefer to hold all cases unless we are planning to put the denied person into proceedings as a NS or public safety risk.

Thoughts?
Lori

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For clarity, what would be suspended are I-485s, I-539s, I-129s and I-131s. If I'm missing something please let me know.

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